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CLAIMS

1. An azetidinium-functional polyester.

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2. A method of treating a substrate which comprises the step of contacting the substrate with a polyester according to claim 1.

10 3. A method according to claim 2 wherein the substrate comprises a cellulosic or keratinaceous textile material.

15 4. A composition comprising an azetidinium functionalised polyester according to claim 1 and a substrate-compatible carrier.

20 5. A composition according to claim 4 wherein the carrier comprises one or more of water and one or more surfactants.

6. A method of preparing a polyester according to claim 1 which comprises the step of:

25 a) reacting an amine-containing (di)acid or (di)ol with a suitable co-reactant, and,

b) treating the product of step (a) with an epihalohydrin.

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7. A method according to claim 6 wherein the step (a) occurs in the presence of a suitable a catalyst selected from the group comprising sulphuric acid, *p*-toluenesulphonic acid and a hafnium(IV) compound.

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8. A method according to claim 6 wherein the diacid is an amine.

9. A method according to claim 8 wherein the diacid is an 10 iminodiacarboxylic acid in which each carboxylic acid moiety has a carbon number of 2-4.

10. A method according to claim 6 in which the diol is a 15 polyalkylene glycol in which the repeat unit has a carbon number of 2-3.